

OUR NEIGHBORS.

ELLINWOOD.

From the Leader.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scheuffer a bouncing baby boy, January 20. We understand Rev. Jos Lantz, of Strong City, will be the new pastor at St. Peter & St. Paul's church, north of town.

We understand Robt. Smart has sold his farm south of town to Chas. Andrae, and will remove before long to Pratt county, where he has purchased a fine farm. Mr. Andrae has also recently bought another fine farm near Hudson.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sturgeon died at five o'clock in the evening, on last Saturday, January 28, of internal spasms. The funeral took place from the family residence, on Sunday afternoon. The little girl was but a week old.

For the fourth time the merciless angel of death has entered the same home and taken a loved and cherished little one away. The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Meyer, who was born but a short time ago, died Monday evening at nine o'clock of lagrippe.

A. E. Mowry who teaches school about 10 miles south of Ellinwood, met with quite a serious accident this morning. He lost his balance and fell down the stairway at the Hotel Wolf striking on his head. He was rendered unconscious, but medical aid was summoned and he was soon resuscitated.

HOISINGTON.

From the Dispatch.

A son was borne to E. O. Gray Jr. and wife Wednesday night of last week.

The ground hog did not see his shadow, so look out for an early spring.

We are late about mentioning the arrival of that new boy at Frank Ladenberger's, but better late than never.

More children enrolled in the Hoisington schools than ever before. It won't be long until a new building will be called for.

A very pleasant Crokinole party given in honor of Miss Foulks at the home of Mrs. Tom Moran Wednesday eve was enjoyed by about twenty young people.

S. S. Shattuck was at Larned last week. He was on a very pleasant mission—that of paying off the mortgage on his farm. He is now free from debt and expects to keep that way.

No news from Jas. Stitt. The opinion seems to be growing that he was either killed or demented. If he has been made away with some effort ought to be made to ferret the matter out.

"Kid" Wilson and Fitzpatrick, the Boston light weight, will meet each other at Great Bend on the 20th, so we are informed. "Kid" is going to have a tough customer to face in the person of Fitzpatrick.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Sausen of Wheatland township, is being afflicted with scarlet fever. A girl of 16 died on January 21st, a boy of 4 on the 28th, and a boy of 11 on Wednesday, February 1st. The four remaining children are all sick with the dread disease. Jack Pilkington, our faithful nurse, is assisting them.

CLAFLIN.

From the Banner.

Not an empty residence house in Claflin.

You don't have to belong to a secret order to have the grip.

Are you going to build a summer house at the Lake side?

There is now one empty business house in town. Who will take that.

A dog is a man's bosom friend, but sometimes he is rather unfriendly to the bosom of his pants.

James Kelly is setting up the cigars today on the strength of a bright little girl which arrived at his home.

During the warm days of last week we were beginning to save up ice money, but it's all gone for coal, now.

E. M. Traylor and wife arrived here, Sunday evening from Missouri where they have been visiting for the past ten days.

W. H. Stover and F. M. Campbell have moved their goods into the new building and are now ready to meet all their old customers.

It was said last fall that Jerry Simpson was the only man in the United States who opposed taking the Philippine islands. Can you count them now?

Wheat is standing the wintry weather in fine shape and if the moisture man is as good about the spring rains as he has been about the snows, we will enjoy another beautiful harvest.

Would it not be a good scheme for the business persons of the town to organize in some manner and provide

the necessary supplies with which to fight fires? Gentlemen, we may have a fire most any time and it present a "bucket brigade" is the best we could furnish.

Cook Sizes Armstrong Up.

The editor of the Barking Beacon, whose front name is Despair, came out last week in a doleful and heartrending wail for county pap. The good Deacon's Pefferian whiskers trembled with righteous indignation as he penned a heavy editorial on the selfish ingratitude of the board of county commissioners in not designating his sheet as the official county paper. He recites between hysterical sobs, how he has unceasingly labored in the vineyard of reform, but that after the crop of official grapes have been successfully gathered, his portion are the sour ones.

We feel for the Deacon but we can't reach him. Especially as he has been so active of late in trying to reform his wicked town. Surely an editor whose efforts have resulted in depriving his city of electric lights, walks, night watchman, and other conveniences, is deserving of a rich reward from men of all parties. The only surprising part of the business is that the board did not rise as one man and make Armstrong the county printer by acclamation.

But the Beacon man seems to think the job was his right, and hints at an agreement. He knows very well there was absolutely no agreement of any kind in the county printing matter this year. Two years ago Commissioner Dick voted for him under protest, but in the light of events since then, he declares that if the good lord will forgive him, he will never do it again. The Beacon nor any other county paper have a "right" to the county printing if a majority of the board sees fit to give it to them, but there the "right" ceases. The editor of the Beacon has on several occasions vilified and traduced the commissioner from this district, because he did not carry out the personal desires of the editor, but now that Mr. Dick refuses to vote for his sheet, he bellows like a suckling calf.

Besides, the space in the Barking Beacon is altogether too valuable to be prostituted to the vulgar purpose of advertising tax lists, road notices and the like. Every column is needed to carry on the fight for the bootleggers and the unlicensed saloon, and to make the burden of the property holder and tax payer as heavy as possible. Armstrong is ungrateful, he should be thankful indeed, that the board has shown such consideration, in refusing to allow his great reform editorials to be crowded out.—Ellinwood Leader.

Bryan on Imperialism.

We cannot afford to enter upon a colonial policy. The theory upon which a government is built is a matter of vital importance. The national idea has a controlling influence upon the thought and character of the people. Our national idea is self-government, and unless we are ready to abandon that idea forever we cannot ignore it in dealing with the Filipinos. "The idea is entwined with our traditions; it permeates our history; it is a part of our literature. That idea has given eloquence to the orator and inspiration to the poet. Take from our national hymns the three words free, freedom and liberty, and they would be as meaningless as would be our flag if robbed of its red, white and blue. Other nations may dream of wars of conquest and of distant dependencies governed by exterior force, not so with the United States." The fruits of imperialism, be they bitter or sweet, must be left to the subjects of monarchy. This is the one tree of which the citizens of a republic may not partake. It is the voice of the serpent, not the voice of God, that bids us eat.—W. J. Bryan.

The Rights of the Bike.

The coming of the bicycle has brought new questions as to its exact status in law and its rights upon the public highway yet to be determined. A case involving this question was tried in the district court last week. George Lanham who lives or did live south of town in Lincoln township, sued H. C. Kibbe for damages. Some time ago while Lanham was driving a heavily loaded wagon, Kibbe rode up on a bicycle, and as we understand it, did not give the road for the team which became frightened and ran away throwing Lanham out and breaking his leg. Martin and Roberts represented the plaintiff. The court ruled that the bicycle had as much right upon the highway as a loaded wagon. Plaintiff's counsel say this prejudiced the jury, and that the rights of a bicycle are the same as those of a light vehicle. The jury disagreed, standing six to six.—Hutchinson Democrat.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT of the County Treasurer of Barton County, Kansas, showing balance on ledger at the close of business on January 31st, 1899.

DUE TO ACCOUNTS.	
Tax Roll account, 1898 Tax.	1,794.77
State Revenue	9,546.99
County General	55,358.48
County Interest	1,870.16
Redemption Fund	6,396.88
Expense and Fee acc't.	234.11
School Land Principal	434.50
School Land Interest	910.49
Normal Institute Fund	38.94
District and Justice Court Fines	51.98
State and County School Fund	1,568.71
Ellinwood City General	1.37
Pawnee Rock City General	124.86
Albion Township R. R. Bond Int.	482.87
Reaver General	85.38
Buffalo General	204.56
Clarence	154.12
Cheyenne	480.82
Eureka	66.05
Fairview R. R. Bond Int.	741.79
Great Bend General	210.88
Great Bend	426.54
New Bridge Bond Int.	2,100.13
Old Bridge Fund	961.01
C & W R R Bond Int.	843.34
K & C R R Bond Int.	849.63
General	139.10
R R Bond Int.	787.99
Homestead	1,162.99
Independence General	863.12
R R Bond Int.	559.91
Lakin General	481.48
Logan	296.68
Liberty	225.20
South Bend	12.70
General	395.75
Bridge Bond Int.	84.38
Union General	91.11
Walnut	151.85
R R Bond Int.	786.32
General	47.88
Wheatland	133.60
Chicago, Kansas & Western R R Condemnation Fund Walnut Valley Branch	79.15
Chicago, Kansas & Western R R Condemnation Fund Little River Branch	192.00
Kansas & Colorado R R Condemnation Fund Missouri Pacific R R	26.02
Pacific Mail Telegraph Condemnation Fund	24.50
Hoisington Irrigation Company's Condemnation Fund	302.32
Grand Lake Reservoir Company	75.66
Joint School Dist. No. 1 General	473.21
School Dist. No. 4 General	177.27
11	107.81
13	111.80
14	228.42
16	199.37
18	106.54
19	47.97
20	88.73
21	148.61
22	177.16
23	198.79
24	263.98
25	285.46
26	142.89
27	17
28	180.11
29	94.71
30	228.52
31	183.02
32	95.05
33	116.62
34	214.87
35	45.74
36	183.48
37	139.59
38	142.93
39	324.73
40	230.98
41	142.74
42	137.87
43	141.46
44	188.87
45	184.05
46	282.83
47	130.98
48	140.29
49	115.81
50	198.44
51	136.03
52	86.36
53	158.81
54	2.16
55	193.72
56	88.47
57	103.87
58	156.65
59	282.00
60	151.37
61	1.09
62	130.13
63	101.80
64	271.17
65	114.14
66	300.59
67	40.32
68	1,096.58
69	195.33
70	377.04
71	84.90
72	109.17
73	31.23
74	29.39
75	761.18
76	104.84
77	53.27
78	194.97
79	15.13
80	85.21
81	35.04
82	701.01
83	34.23
84	75.15
85	128.29
86	230.72
87	49.79
88	68.42
89	239.82
90	86.12
91	96.33
92	103.84
93	58.11
94	127.34
95	256.91
96	148.54
97	186.35
98	35.66
99	16.22
100	135.85
101	93.82
102	168.27
103	57.02
104	102.97
105	204.99
106	27.30
107	46.77

DUE FROM ACCOUNTS.	
Great Bend City General and Interest	12.30
State Treasurer's Account	12,633.30
Seed Grain account	818.45
School Dist. No. 29 General	7.86
31	10
32	10.00
33	8.12
34	23.79
Tax Refunding account	
School Dist. No. 44 Interest	3,023.12
National Bank of the Republic New York, N. Y.	46,817.05
First National Bank Great Bend, Kansas	46,817.05
J. V. Brinkman Co Bank Great Bend, Kan	46,817.05
Cash and Cash Items on hand	139.39
	\$110,427.75

State of Kansas, ss
Barton County

I, D. Basse County Treasurer, do solemnly swear the above statement to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

D. Basse.
Subscribed and sworn before me this 2d day of February, 1899.

M. B. FITZ,
County Clerk.

Troubles of Man.

Man's life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent, and goes out against his will, and the trip between the two eternities is exceedingly rough. The rule of contrariness is one of the important features of this trip. When he is little the girls kiss him. If he raises a large family he is called a poor man, but if he raises a small check he is a thief and a fraud and is shunned like a Chinaman with the itch. If he is a poor man he is a bad manager; if he is rich he is dishonest; if he is in politics it is for pie; if he is out of politics you can't tell where to place him, and he is no good to his country; if he does an act of charity it's for policy; if he won't give to charity he's stingy and lives only for himself; if he dies young there was a great future before him; if he has lived to a great age, he has missed his calling. He is introduced to the world by a doctor, and to the next world by the same process. Verily the road is rough, but men like to travel it.

A Timely Fable.

On the evening of the 2d of February, 1899, as the hollyhock tinged clouds over southwest of the coming state normal annex indicated that the sun was hiding out, Mr. G. Hog, with icicles on his whiskers and his winkers pulled well down over his eyes appeared at the door of Mr. Roballison, west end, and in an icecream freezer voice said:

"Please, Mr. Roballison, let me in; I'm nearly frozen to death and can't find my hole until I find 'me shadder.' I've looked for it all day, and now that the Deacon has doused the electric glims I can't even solace myself with a night-time shadow."

"Go-long, you old reprobate, I have troubles of my own," replied Mr. Roballison, as he prepared to close the door and heave in another cob.

But Mr. G. Hog wept copiously, and the falling tears, which froze to little globes of ice, rattled on the porch floor as the unfortunate barbinger of Spring begged for the loan of some warmth. "Do let me in to thaw out," he pleaded, "Think, Mr. Roballison, what good I have done by coming out of my hole to-day; for as I have been as unsuccessful in finding my shadow as Deacon Armstrong has been in closing the Great Bend joints, the fates decree that I must give my hole the dirty shake until about 4 o'clock next fall, and that spring will come soon, and Old Winter's spinal column is busted. Think of the saving in coal bills to all the people, Mr. Roballison, and do let me in."

But Mr. Roballison became wroth, and he lifted Mr. G. Hog one under the chin with his ample brogan that sent the harbinger of spring into the middle of the street, and closed the door with a bang.

MORAL.

Mr. G. Hog made the mistake of his life when he mentioned the saving in coal bills—for Mr. Roballison is a coal dealer.

The prohibitionists of Kansas are afraid to trust the people. They have a law on the statute books, placed there by the republican party many years ago when the people believed—or a large majority believed—that the g. o. p. could do no wrong, but which law is confessedly inoperative and unpopular. In the present legislature a bill has been introduced to submit to the voters of the state an amendment to that law, which amendment if carried would strengthen prohibition and make it more easily enforced. And what is the result? From every republican and prohibition stronghold in Kansas comes in petitions by the mile protesting AGAINST submitting to a vote of the people a proposition to strengthen the prohibitory liquor law! They would rather keep the farcial, inoperative law as it is than to permit the voters of the state to express themselves on the matter at the polls.



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